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Body Worlds

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The human body is on display at the Telus World of Science with the opening of Dr. Gunther von Hagens's Body Worlds and the Brain exhibit, starting Friday. Story, page 2.

Man on mission

Calgarian's fake memorials to remind people of dangers of distracted driving

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

Fake memorials are one concerned Calgarian's way to drive home the message that cellphones and driving are a deadly combination.

Jack Adamson is taking his message to the streets, just as the provincial government announced Bill 16 — a comprehensive distracted driving bill — earlier this month.

"If you're distracted and driving, you're going to get into an accident," the freelance graphic artist told Metro.

Adamson plans to set up fake memorial signs complete with flowers on telephone poles around the city. The signs will be posted toward sidewalks with high foot traffic for pedestrian viewing.

The message reads: "Drivers who talk on cellphones R 6 times more likely 2b involved in dangerous collisions, and 23 times more likely if tex ..."

Adamson said he purposely cut short the last part of the phrase as an abrupt reminder of how quickly a conversation could be cut short by inattentive driving.

Adamson posted his first sign on a 17 Avenue SW pole between 6 and 7 streets Thursday afternoon, with plans to post more signs Friday. According to Adamson, the signs can be posted legally as they would be considered memorials.

He expects viewer reactions to generate conversations around safe driving.

Based on feedback from friends and family, Adamson said he's getting plenty of support.

Although he has never been in a car crash due to distracted driving, Adamson said that there have been too many close calls.

"I wanted to do something that meant a lot to me, and that could potentially make a difference."

Adamson asked Calgarians to voice their opinion on his Facebook group called It's Ur Call at facebook.com/itsUrcall.

JESSICA PICHE/FOR METRO CALGARY

Calgarian Jack Adamson is putting up fake memorials around the city to remind people of the dangers of distracted driving.

"I wanted to do something ... that could potentially make a difference."
Jack Adamson

Mom suffered from mental illness

DEAD BABIES Diary entries reflect a long history of mental-health issues for Harsimrat Kahlon, a woman who was found dead with the bodies of her three infant children in October 2009.

Investigators from the Calgary Police Homicide Unit have finished their analysis of the case.

Kahlon suffered from borderline personality disorder, said forensic psychologist Dr. Thomas Dalby, who was part of the investigation.

Dalby said interviews with her family and friends, combined with her diary entries, created a psychological autopsy for the woman.

Kahlon gave birth to the first child in hospital in 2005, while delivering the other children alone in her house, according to police.

"Borderline personality disorder has as one of its cardinal features a terror of being abandoned," said Dalby. He noted that she kept the deceased children in close proximity to her at all times.

She kept her pregnancies secret from her common-law partner who fathered two of the children, police said.

Kahlon was "significantly depressed at times and looked at herself as worthless." She did not confide in anyone about her problems, Dalby said.

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13,000 still without power

Up to 13,000 people were still without power late yesterday as the remnants of a spring snowstorm crippled electrical lines in southwestern Alberta. Power outages were reported in Calgary, Black Diamond, Turner Valley and Longview and Enmax officials said that they were working to fix the issues.

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News in brief

FUNDRAISER The Calgary Sudanese Community is holding a fundraiser this weekend at the Penbrooke Community Centre to raise funds for the development of a community centre. Cultural dances and presentations along with music and a dance will allow Calgarians to get involved with the Sudanese community. Tickets are $10 at the door.

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Inside the human brain

Controversial Body Worlds exhibit coming to Calgary

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

Calgarians have an opportunity to discover what's happening in their brain when they learn something new, listen to music and even when they're in love.

"Body Worlds & The Brain" opens today at the Telus World of Science. The exhibit showcases bodies and parts from approximately 200 people preserved through Plastination, a process invented by Dr. Gunther von Hagens.

"Three pounds of grey and white matter shape our 'reality,' a sign reads behind a preserved human brain. As visitors tour the exhibit they will discover that everything they know, everything they've experienced and everything they feel boils down to the creation and location of neurons.

"The brain is the most powerful and important organ. It is of utmost importance," said Dr. Angelina Whalley, Managing Director for Body Worlds. Through the exhibit, she says, "people get a complete understanding of themselves."

In a survey six months after viewing Body Worlds, 10 per cent of respondents had stopped smoking, 30 per cent were eating healthier and 50 per cent said they exercised more, according to Whalley.

One Calgarian, Adrian Koegler, is looking forward to seeing the exhibit.

"It's one thing to read about it in a book, but totally different to see it on actual human bodies."

There has been some controversy surrounding Body Worlds, but, Whalley said it "has mostly been brought up by people who haven't seen it, they have a different understanding of what the exhibit is."

SHELBY BORYS/FOR METRO CALGARY

Dr. Angelina Walley speaks about the controversy around Dr. Gunther von Hagens' Body Worlds & The Brain exhibit at Telus World of Science starting Friday.

No charges in deadly avalanche

SNOW Criminal charges will not be laid in connection with a human-triggered avalanche that killed two snowmobilers last month near Revelstoke, B.C.

RCMP say there is no evidence to support charges against any organizers of the event that brought upwards of 200 people into the backcountry to play in the fresh mountain snow.

Two Calgary-area men died and scores more were buried and then rescued when snow thundered down on them as three sledders began high marking.

Police say the Big Iron Shootout was limited to drag racing in a flatter portion of the valley and only when that ended did some head over to the steeper area of Boulder Mountain.

An avalanche warning was in effect for the area at the time.

Mounties reviewed the findings of their investigation with B.C. Crown counsel and chose not to submit a recommendation for charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge refuses to dismiss Syncrude tailings pond case

OILSANDS Syncrude Canada failed Thursday to get a judge to toss the case against the oilsands giant over the deaths of 1,600 ducks in a tailings pond.

Provincial court judge Ken Tjosvold rejected Syncrude's argument as legal hair-splitting.

The company's lawyer, Robert White, had argued the wording of the environmental charge against Syncrude describes chemicals illegally spilling out and coming into contact with birds.

But in this case, White said, it was the reverse — the birds sought out and came into contact with a legally operated tailings pond.

Tjosvold said the birds were in a harmful situation no matter how it came about.

"I do not accept the explanation that the animal contaminated itself," said Tjosvold. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Two pro-life students face expulsion

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

PROTESTS Two members of the U of C Campus Pro Life Club (CPL) faced possible expulsion Wednesday after a review with school officials.

Asia Strezynski and Ryan Wilson had individual hearings with the U of C's vice-provost and ombudsperson. Neither was able to receive answers to their questions, said their lawyer John Carpay.

The students are disappointed and feel they wasted their time at the hearing, as no further information was given, said Carpay.

"They told us it was a 'fact finding mission,'" said CPL vice president Peter Csillag. "It was to establish a few key facts.

"As far as I know, we're the only club on campus that has ever had to deal with this."

According to CPL, the University will be sending a letter within five to 10 business days with their next course of action. Possible outcomes may include penalties such as a warning, fine, probation or expulsion.

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Government wants your input on health

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Kids raise money for Millrise fire victims

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

Sweet treats are helping students raise money to aid their community.

Five children in the elementary classroom program at the Renfrew Educational Services Sundance Centre made and sold popcorn and fruit smoothies as a fundraiser Thursday during their lunch break.

Money raised from the sale will be donated to victims of the recent Millrise Condominium fire. According to elementary program teacher Kendra Kendslien, the children could see smoke from the blaze while out on the playground.

The group decided they wanted to give back to their community through this fundraising effort after hearing about the loss of 159 units.

Renfrew Educational Services is a not for profit society and registered charity offering specialized programs for children with various disabilities. Language, math and communication skills have all shown improvement in the children throughout the course of the project, said Kendslien.

In charge of smoothie sales, Grade 3 student Chase Jordan, 8, said that he enjoyed making and selling the treats. "I like helping people," he said.

"They're really excited about this," said Kendslien.

"Their genuine kindness comes through."

The children hope to raise $100 to donate to the Millrise Condominium fire victims. "We're trying to help you," said Jordan.

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Ashley Jordan, 4, enjoys a fruit smoothie at the Renfrew Educational Services fundraiser Thursday.

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Calgarians must really not like paying taxes

DEADLINE A silver medal not to be proud of, Calgary ranks second to Toronto as Canada's most tax-procrastinating city, according to QuickTax.

Based the number of people filing their taxes on April 29 and 30, 2009, via QuickTax Online, a list of offending cities was generated. Toronto took the top spot for the third year running while Calgary held onto second position once again. Reasons for last-minute filing are as varied as Calgarians themselves.

Many claim that a lack of time or low income is to blame. "My yearly income isn't enough for me to worry about money owed," says Pat McLeod, a bar tender in the downtown core.

"I plan to get on it as soon as I can to get those GST cheques flowing again."

McLeod usually goes through a private tax office to get his filing in on time, but this year he is considering asking a family member to help out. "I'm not too worried," says McLeod.

Income taxes are due Friday at midnight. Procrastinators are encouraged to file their taxes online through companies such as QuickTax. JESSICA PICHE/FOR METRO CALGARY

Procrastinators

The following list of top procrastinating cities is based on the number of tax returns electronically filed via QuickTax Online on April 29 and 30, 2009:

- Toronto
- Calgary
- Vancouver
- Edmonton
- Ottawa
- Mississauga, Ont.
- Winnipeg
- Victoria
- Montreal
- Surrey, B.C.

Police hope re-enactment will yield clues in cold case

MURDER Eight years later, police are still searching for Terrie Ann Dauphinais's killer. A Crime Stoppers re-enactment was filmed on the anniversary of her death in hopes that new details relating to the case may arise.

The body of Dauphinais, who was 24 when she died, was found in her northwest Calgary home the morning of April 29, 2009. It did not appear entry was forced into the home, and police have revealed they have evidence the killer knew the home's interior.

The re-enactment was scheduled to air on Shaw yesterday.

It can be viewed online at calgarycrimestoppers.org.

Anyone with information in the case can call the Calgary Police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). METRO CALGARY

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WALK This Sunday, Calgarians will join thousands of people across Canada in the ninth annual Walk for Kids Help Phone. It's the largest fundraiser of the year for the charity, and begins at 2 p.m. at the Eau Claire Market.

LOBBYIST Alberta NDP leader Brian Mason made claims Thursday that Dr. Patricia Bayne, a newly appointed member of the province's health advisory committee, shouldn't be listed as a community member. Mason asserts that Bayne is a registered lobbyist for the drug company Eli Lilly. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Quebec doctors and medical students fight plan to charge patients for visits

Quebec doctors and medical students have formed a coalition to oppose the provincial government's proposal to charge a $25 fee for doctor visits. The coalition, which says it represents about 75 per cent of the province's doctors, worries the fee will make health care less accessible — especially for the chronically ill and the poor. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Take a bow, Carney

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney has been named the 21st most influential person by Time magazine. "Central bankers aren't often young, good-looking and charming, but Mark Carney is all three — not to mention wicked smart," the magazine says in its latest edition. Carney has been widely credited with helping Canada weather the recession. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Do we need the G20?' asks the host

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is raising questions about the value of the G20 — even as he prepares to host the group's first summit as a permanent organization.

"I think the actions of the G20 truly averted in the last year what could easily have been a worldwide depression. So that's a pretty impressive achievement," Harper told business leaders from G20 countries.

"But the G20 still has much to do ... to really prove its worth on the economic files."

Harper welcomes the G20 countries to Toronto in June. His remarks are likely to raise eyebrows,

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Tories defend appointment of judge who once represented the Hells Angels.
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Miles Davis **Jazz icon's son pays homage to dad**

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Erin Davis, son of the late Miles Davis, poses in front of a photograph of his father at the preview of the We Want Miles: Miles Davis vs. Jazz exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday. The exhibit, which runs until Aug. 29, is a multimedia retrospective that traces the life and career of the jazz musical icon.

Push on Jaffer irked the feds

ALLEGATIONS Federal bureaucrats bristled at being pressured by Tory staff to meet with Rahim Jaffer and quickly review one of his business proposals, documents show.

The exchanges of e-mails by civil servants were among documents tabled with a Commons committee .

MPs are scrutinizing alleged illegal lobbying by Jaffer, husband of turfed cabinet minister Helena Guergis.

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She's seeing double – happily

When Andree Marion moves one hand, the other mimics the motion.

If she wriggles the toes on one foot, the toes on her other move too.

Marion has a condition called congenital mirror movements, an extremely rare disorder in which the brain sends mixed signals to the muscles. And now, she and other family members afflicted with these involuntary actions know why.

Montreal researchers have found the gene that causes the disorder, and believe it will help them understand more about how the brain develops and how it works.

"I'm the kind of person that talks with two hands."
Andree Marion

"I had that all my life, so I didn't think it was such a big deal," she said Thursday from St-Sauveur, Que.

"Maybe because when I'm talking I'm the kind of person who talks with two hands, so maybe that's why nobody noticed."

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Andree Marion, who has a rare condition that causes one hand to mimic the actions of the other, is seen in her home Thursday.

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Phillion gets a brand-new life ... on his 71st birthday

COURTS A man who spent nearly 32 years behind bars for a murder he says he did not commit wept in court Thursday as the Crown officially withdrew the charges against him and the judge issued an apology.

Romeo Phillion was convicted of second-degree murder based on a confession he gave police decades ago in connection with the death of firefighter Leopold Roy.

"It's a special day for me."
Romeo Phillion

After years of proclaiming his innocence, the Crown officially withdrew the charges on Phillion's 71st birthday.

"It's a special day for me — my birthday. It's the best birthday I ever got," Phillion told CTV Ottawa on Thursday.

"I had an apology from the judge, which I waited 38 years for. And my life will be positive from now on."

But the legal battle is not over for Phillion. He will continue to fight for a new trial to officially clear his name. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada offers U.S. a 'bridging' loan

BORDER The federal government is offering to lend Michigan more than half a billion dollars to speed up construction of a second bridge in the busiest trade corridor between Canada and the United States.

In a letter to Michigan's governor Thursday, Transport Minister John Baird said environmental assessments have cleared necessary hurdles in both countries.

He said it's time to start the $5.3-billion Windsor-Detroit link, which is now before state legislators in Lansing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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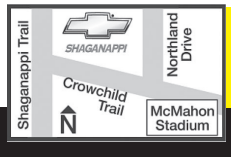

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Harper announces plans for global-security research centre

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Ottawa will finance a new centre for examining global security, based at the University of Toronto. In a speech to business leaders from G20 countries, Harper said the Centre for Global Security Studies should help world powers better understand conflict, terrorism and cyber security. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Talks 'productive'

Grits, Tories both laud meeting on Afghan docs

The Harper government and opposition plan to meet again Monday to resolve the high-stakes dispute over access to uncensored Afghanistan detainee documents.

That gives MPs from all parties the weekend to discuss how they can move forward after a historic ruling by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Peter Milliken ruled this week that parliamentarians have an absolute right to see any documents they like — uncensored.

He gave all sides two weeks to work out a deal that allows access to the documents while protecting national security.

"The better approach is to have us all working at this together."
Grit Ralph Goodale

There appeared to be progress Thursday when MPs met for the first time about the long-running dispute.

Liberal MP Ralph Goodale said all parties showed a spirit of willingness to reach an agreement and there was no confrontation.

"The better approach is to have all of us working at this together around that table," he said.

"Insofar as the first meeting goes, that was the style of the meeting and the style of conversation. It was not, at this stage, confrontational. And I hope that we can keep that tone."

Harper's communications director, Dimitri Soudas, called it a "productive first meeting."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ruling forces release of dead teen's files

COURT A federal judge has ordered Canada's prison service to disclose the personal files of a teen inmate who killed herself.

Federal Court Justice Michael Kelen says the Correctional Service of Canada broke the law by failing to release Ashley Smith's records while she was alive.

Smith was 19 when she choked herself with a strip of cloth at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., in October 2007.

Earlier that year she had requested access to her personal prison records, authorizing their release to the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies.

Smith had alleged poor treatment by the Correctional Service, including assault, lack of psychiatric care and frequent transfers between prisons across Canada.

Prison ombudsman Howard Sapers found she was moved 17 times in 11 months. He harshly criticized the prison service for failing to give Smith proper care and protection.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto **Black on blue**

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A fire at a downtown condominium tower creates a huge cloud of black smoke near Toronto's waterfront late Thursday afternoon. More than a dozen firefighters managed to contain the blaze on the roof of the building. Paramedics transported two adults with minor injuries to hospital.

We're do-it-yourselfers, poll shows

SURVEY A new poll suggests most Canadians would take matters into their own hands rather than hire someone to help with minor repairs or maintenance around the house.

The Canadian Press-Harris Decima survey found that 61 per cent of respondents would do their own fix-it projects, while 24 per cent said they would hire someone.

Seniors were more inclined to seek help with home repairs and maintenance.

The survey found 43 per cent of those aged 65 and up would hire someone, compared to 18 per cent of adults aged 35 to 54.

Higher income earners were also more keen to get someone else to do the work.

The poll found 29 per cent of those with a household income of more than $100,000 said they would hire someone to do repairs, compared to 16 per cent of those in the $80,000 to $100,000 income bracket.

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Compensation for Kuwait victims
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World

Oil reaches Gulf coast

Spill much worse than originally thought

An oil spill that threatened to eclipse even the Exxon Valdez disaster spread out of control and started washing ashore along the U.S. Gulf Coast Thursday night as fishermen rushed to scoop up shrimp and crews spread floating barriers around marshes.

The spill was bigger than imagined — five times more than first estimated — and closer. Fingers of oily sheen were reaching the Mississippi River delta, lapping the Louisiana shoreline in long, thin lines.

"It is of grave concern," David Kennedy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told The Associated Press. "I am frightened. This is a very, very big thing. And the efforts that are going to be required to do anything about it, especially if it continues on, are just mind-boggling."

The oil slick could become the nation's worst environmental disaster in decades, threatening hundreds of species of fish, birds and other wildlife along the Gulf Coast, one of the world's richest seafood grounds, teeming with shrimp, oysters and other marine life.

Oil was thickening in waters south and east of the Mississippi delta about five miles offshore. The leak from the ocean floor proved to be far bigger than initially reported, contributing to a growing sense among many in Louisiana that the government failed them again, as it did during Hurricane Katrina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Disaster could affect drilling plans

- The Obama administration says the massive oil spill in the Gulf Coast will be considered in a planned expansion of offshore drilling and will become part of the debate on climate change in the U.S. Congress. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Thursday that the cause of the oil rig explosion, still not determined, could affect what areas would open for future drilling.

Lebanon **Looks of horror**

MOHAMMED ZAATARI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lebanese women react at the hanging body of Egyptian Mohammed Msallem Thursday. Officials say angry villagers stabbed the man to death and hung his body on a pole over his alleged murder of four people from the same family.

Another school knife attack in China

RAMPAGE The screams of the four-year-olds inside the kindergarten could be heard out in the street.

When people ran in to investigate, they found what one witness said was a scene "too horrible to imagine" — blood everywhere as a knife-wielding man slashed 28 children, two teachers and a security guard Thursday in the second such school attack in China in two days.

Experts called it a copycat rampage triggered by similar incidents Wednesday and last month. They said the wave of attacks falls amid poor care for the mentally unstable and growing feelings of social injustice in China.

Thursday's attack left five students hospitalized in critical condition in the eastern city of Taixing.

The official Xinhua News Agency identified the attacker as Xu Yuyuan, a 47-year-old unemployed man. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

KIEV Ukrainian prosecutors said Thursday they are considering filing charges against parliament members who hurled eggs and set off smoke bombs in the chamber as lawmakers ratified a controversial agreement with Russia. The parliament speaker was bombarded with eggs and deputies brawled Tuesday before a vote ratifying an agreement to extend the Russian navy's lease of a Ukrainian port by 25 years. The deal is the most concrete sign of Russia's renewed influence in Ukraine since Viktor Yanukovych became president in February.

NEW JERSEY A multiple sclerosis patient slapped with a five-year prison sentence for growing marijuana, which he said was for medical purposes, says he'll just say no to the drug until it becomes legal in New Jersey this summer. John Wilson was freed from Southern State Prison on $15,000 bail Thursday. Earlier this week, a court ruled he could be released while he appeals his drug conviction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Madagascar factions talking

Madagascar's rival political factions are discussing a deal hammered out by international negotiators that calls for new elections in the Indian Ocean island nation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Belgium approves public burqa ban

Belgium's lower house of parliament on Thursday banned burqa-type Islamic dress in public, but the measure faces a challenge in the Senate which will delay early enactment of the law.

Christian Democrats and Liberals in the Senate questioned the phrasing of the law, which holds no one can appear in public "with the face fully or partly covered so as to render them no longer recognizable."

Following the fall of Premier Yves Leterme's government April 22, Belgium faces early elections that may delay passage of the burqa ban — Europe's first — by several months.

Both houses of parliament must approve the bill. Approval in the lower house was almost unanimous.

Like elsewhere in Europe, Belgium struggles with anxieties that visible signs of Islam erode national identity and that women in traditional conservative Islamic dress, such as the burqa, the chador and the niqab, signal a refusal to assimilate in western society.

The law's author, Daniel Bacquelaine, a Liberal, said a burqa is incompatible with basic security as everyone in public must be recognizable and clashes with the principles of an emancipated society that respects the rights of all.

Burqa-type Islamic dress that fully covers a woman and most or all of her face is not common in Europe.

In January, Denmark's centre-right government called the burqa and the niqab out of step with Danish values. It held off on a ban after finding that only two or three women in Denmark, a nation of 5.5 million people, wear burqas and perhaps 200 wear niqabs. In France, a nation of 65 million people, the government estimates 1,900 women cover their faces with niqabs, a scarf that exposes only the eyes, or sitars, a filmy veiled cloth thrown over the head to cover the entire face.

France banned Muslim head scarves as well as Jewish skullcaps and Christian crosses from schools in 2004. President Nicolas Sarkozy says the burqa "is not welcome" in France, but questions have been raised about the constitutionality of a ban.

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Law takes national aim

- Last year, the city of Brussels fined only 29 women — down from 33 in 2008 — for wearing a burqa-type dress. In Belgium, local rules ban the burqa, but enforcement is spotty and the new law would outlaw it on a national level.

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Czech Republic **Mother's love**

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Western lowland gorilla Kijivu holds her infant at the Prague Zoo Thursday. Kijivu gave birth to her third baby on April 24.

Women to be serving on U.S. submarines by 2012

GEORGIA The first U.S. women allowed to serve aboard submarines will be reporting for duty by 2012, the Navy said Thursday as the military ordered an end to one of its few remaining gender barriers.

The cramped quarters and scant privacy aboard submarines, combined with long tours of up to 90 days at sea, kept them off-limits to female sailors for 16 years after the Navy began allowing women to serve on all its surface ships in 1994.

There were some protests, particularly from wives of sub sailors, after the military began formulating a plan last fall. But it received no objections from Congress after U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates notified lawmakers in mid-February that the Navy intended to lift the ban.

The deadline for Congress to intervene passed at midnight Wednesday.

Women are currently allowed to serve on subs in a few countries, including Canada, Australia, Norway, Spain and Sweden. Rear Adm. Barry Bruner, who led the Navy's task force on integrating women onto submarines, brushed aside questions from reporters about the potential for sexual misconduct or unexpected pregnancies among a coed crew. "We're going to look back on this four or five years from now, shrug our shoulders and say, 'What was everybody worrying about?'" said Bruner, the top sub commander at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in coastal Georgia, where the announcement was made.

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News in brief

MEXICO Two native women freed by Mexico's Supreme Court for lack of evidence after spending almost four years in prison on kidnapping charges demanded a public apology Thursday. Otomi Indians Alberta Alcantara Juan and Teresa Gonzalez Cornelio, whose case drew international outrage, said that if Mexico wants to repair the damage done, the very least officials should do is recognize and acknowledge the mistake.

BAGHDAD Iraq's election officials said Thursday that a recount of the Baghdad ballots could take up to three weeks as a car bomb killed eight people in the capital, highlighting again the tenuous security situation while the chaos arising from the March 7 parliamentary vote drags on. The timeline means another delay for an election process that has already dragged on for weeks.

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Prime Minister Gordon Brown, right, Conservative leader David Cameron, left, and Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg shake hands Thursday after their third televised debate.

Down to the wire in Britain

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown went for broke in the final TV debate on the economy Thursday, drawing on his vast treasury experience and banking on a political miracle after an embarrassing campaign gaffe.

Slumped in the polls, Brown wasted no time in his last-ditch performance before the May 6 election — using his opening remarks to neutralize Wednesday's gaffe with a smart quip.

Brown had forgotten to turn off his microphone Wednesday after a Labour voter asked about an influx of Eastern European immigrants. After the conversation ended, Brown was heard muttering "bigoted woman" and blaming aides.

"There is a lot to this job, and as you saw yesterday — I don't get all of it right," Brown said, referring to his gaffe. "But I do know how to run the economy in good times and in bad."

The first-ever U.S.-styled debates have spurred an unexpected transformation in Britain's politics and shaped the election, one of the closest in decades.

Months ago, the Conservatives' David Cameron was favoured as the winner but he was eclipsed after the first domestic debate when Nick Clegg, leader of the perennially third-placed Liberal Democrats, stole the show.

Cameron rebounded in the second showdown, on foreign policy, but has so far failed to win enough support to claim an outright majority in Parliament. Brown has consistently trailed behind the two, but hoped to win on the economy. He has the most economic experience of the three, was treasury chief for a decade, and presided over much of Britain's recent growth.

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Critics attack immigrant law

UPROAR An Arizona police officer and a Latino group filed the first legal challenges of Arizona's sweeping new law cracking down on illegal immigration Thursday.

Fifteen-year Tucson police veteran Martin Escobar filed a lawsuit alleging the new immigration law violates numerous constitutional rights and could hinder police investigations in Hispanic-prevalent areas. The National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders also sued Thursday, arguing federal law pre-empts state regulation of national borders, and that Arizona's law violates due process rights.

Signed last week by Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, the law requires local and state law enforcement to question people about their immigration status if there's reason to suspect they're in the country illegally. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

COLLAPSE One miner was dead and rescuers were unable to contact another who was missing after a roof collapsed in a large underground coal mine in Kentucky that had a history of safety violations, officials said. United Mine Workers officials say two other miners escaped. The Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing has issued 31 orders to close sections of the mine or to shut down equipment because of safety violations since January 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Going nowhere fast in the city

InDefenceOf Mike Morrison

Old people are always babbling on about time going by too fast. And even though they are probably right, almost every city in Canada seems to be building new roads, transit or paths allowing us to get to our destinations faster than ever.

Luckily for Calgarians, our city has embraced the old people's sage advice — after all, most of them are still on the Calgary city council. Our aldermen and city planners have realized that while you think you want to get home faster, you actually don't. Instead of rushing, use the city's poor planning to embrace the extra time you get to spend in your car or stuck on the C-Train.

The latest example of the City of Calgary helping us appreciate the time we have is the proposition to add a new traffic light on Memorial Drive — making for three lights in four blocks. If it were in any other neighbourhood, it probably wouldn't be that big of a deal. But an additional set of lights will just add to the frustratingly slow black hole of movement known as the 10th St. Kensington/Memorial intersection. Apparently, planners are concerned that pedestrians will be too lazy to walk down to the 7 Street lights, but if they are already walking to work, I'm pretty sure they won't mind the extra block.

"But perhaps the greatest example of poor planning causing us to purposely slow down is none other than the clogged artery of our city — Deerfoot Trail."

However, Memorial Drive isn't the only place where our city has put the brakes on our fast-paced lives. Who hasn't enjoyed extra time on Elbow Drive's needless playground zones or watched the sunrise (and sunset) while on the 4th Avenue flyover?

But perhaps the greatest example of poor planning causing us to purposely slow down is none other than the clogged artery of our city — Deerfoot Trail. While other cities like Toronto, Vancouver or Montreal have major roadways that move quickly and efficiently (especially considering that they have three times the amount of traffic), Calgarians have the Deerfoot. The parking lot is regulary confused for a road, but in recent weeks I've used my time parked on the Deerfoot to call my parents, build a barn on Farmville and even do my taxes!

Its parking lot status is even more fascinating when you consider that you won't find a single street light on it, unless you drive three hours north to Edmonton. So how and why we all seem to stop as we please is a miracle in time management.

Like everything in life, I've decided to give up and let city council make my tough time management decisions, even if they are usually wrong.

But, hey, if it means I get to play more Farmville, then I don't really mind!

Mike Morrison writes daily about all things Canadian entertainment on the award-winning Mike's Bloggity Blog.

Worth mentioning

Name change can influence your career

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Attention brides: Trading the Miss for Mrs. may be romantic, but think twice before taking your husband's name. It will harm your career, warn researchers.

According to a study, published in the current issue of Basic and Applied Social Psychology, women using their husbands' last name are also judged as more dependent and less ambitious than women who keep their maiden name — but are also seen as more kind and caring.

More alarmingly, members of the Mrs. League earn approximately $1,500 less per month.

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"But it's very difficult to explain the income gap," said researcher Dr. Marret Noordewier. "It can also be that women who take their husbands' names earn less money because they're different anyway."

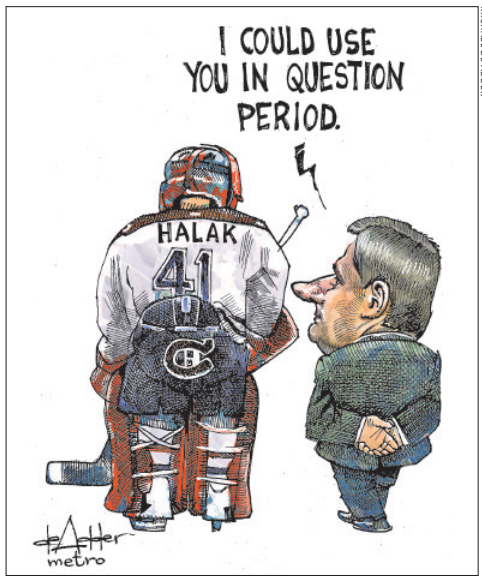
What about Angela Krasner? Though divorced and remarried, the German chancellor uses her first husband's name, Merkel. And after a brief post-wedding attempt at remaining Hillary Rodham, Hillary is now known as Mrs. Clinton.

Women with less stature using their husbands' last name don't fare as well. According to psychologists at the Tilburg Institute for Behavioral Economics Research in the Netherlands, women who take their husband's name, or use hyphenated names, are seen as less intelligent and less competent than women who keep their maiden name.

"Changing your name isn't always negative," Noordewier said.

"But if people have limited information about you, this is how they'll judge you."

Armed with these findings, Noordewier's team surveyed Dutch university students' attitudes to name change and received a surprise: 81 per of male students wanted their future wives to change their names — and 83 per cent of female students planned to do so.



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Women continue to make business gains

Women are making greater inroads in non-traditional occupations and fields of study, says a new study released Thursday by Statistics Canada on women in the workforce.

In the 10-year period from 1996 to 2006, women went from a minority to a majority in a number of fields, including human resources, as administrative services managers, machine operators in textiles, as managers in art, culture, recreation and sport, and in insurance and real estate sales.

Gains were also made in some occupations considered non-traditional for women. For instance, the category for police and firefighters was 15 per cent female in 2006, up from 10 per cent a decade earlier, the report said.

"Certainly one of the major drivers, I think, has been the rising educational attainment of women, and changes in their fields of study at the university level," Kathryn McMullen, co-author of the study, said from Ottawa.

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> Kathryn McMullen, Statistics Canada

"Beyond that, too, I think there's been strong efforts in some fields, and I am thinking specifically now of police officers and firefighters, to actively recruit women into those occupations."

Architecture, sales and the physical sciences are other areas in which women are increasingly being represented. Just 17 per cent of architects, urban planners and land surveyors were women in 1996, but that rose to 25 per cent a decade later.

The female share of employment as sales, marketing and advertising managers rose from 25 per cent to 34 per cent in the same period, and grew from 24 per cent to 31 per cent for physical science professionals.

"We know that women traditionally have been often in the retail sector, but now we see that they're moving to the managerial level within that sector," McMullen said.

The health-care field is another area where change is occurring. "Similarly we see that in dentistry, in 1992 women counted for just over a third, at 37 per cent, and now they're well over half at 55 per cent."

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Steve Snyder, right, president and CEO of TransAlta, chats with company chair Donna Soble Kaufman during the company's annual general meeting in Calgary Thursday.

Too early to raise interest rates: CIBC

ECONOMY CIBC is casting doubts on the Bank of Canada's analysis of the country's economic performance, suggesting it may be overestimating the potential threat from inflation and is too ready to begin raising interest rates — particularly since the dollar is high.

Last week, central bank governor Mark Carney sent a signal to the markets that he is preparing to raise interest rates, possibly as early as the next announcement date of June 1.

In a separate report, CIBC economist Peter Buchanan says that Canada's corporate sector may be in a strong position to withstand higher rates but remains at risk from a stronger dollar.

Buchanan says Corporate Canada is benefiting from low debt levels, which put the country's companies in better shape to withstand higher interest rates than Canadian households.

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High loonie squeezes Ballard

ENERGY Fuel cell developer Ballard Power Systems Inc. says international interest in its hydrogen products pushed first quarter sales higher, but profit margins were squeezed by a $1.5 million hit from exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations.

The Vancouver-based company reported Thursday it cut its net loss nearly in half in the latest quarter as orders and sales picked up and its fuel cells continue to gain acceptance as a clean power generation product.

Ballard's first quarter loss narrowed to $10 million US or 12 cents per share, compared with a loss of $19.1 million US or 23 cents per share in the first quarter of 2009. Quarterly revenue rose to $11.9 million US from $8.1 million.

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Greek crisis could slow recovery

ECONOMY The Greek crisis has the potential to derail the global recovery and hurt Canada's economy, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says.

The central bank governor called the sovereign debt crisis in Greece and other southern European countries a "serious situation" for both the world and Canada.

Testifying before the Senate banking committee yesterday, Carney says Greece's problems could spill over and cause a slowdown in the global economy as markets demand governments rein in their deficits.

In Canada, that would result in higher interest rates.

A global slowdown would also cut demand for many of Canada's resources exports to Europe and other parts of the world.

"The net result of this would be negative for growth in Canada," he said.

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Oilsands costs increasing

ENERGY The head of Imperial Oil says increasing activity in the oilsands is threatening to bring with it a return to higher costs.

Speaking to reporters at the company's annual meeting in Calgary, CEO Bruce March says costs for oilsands developers have stopped dropping and are now starting to firm up.

He says the biggest difference so far is in bulk materials like steel — increasingly in demand as a result of improvements in the global economy. Meanwhile, March says Imperial's $8-billion Kearl oilsands project is 25 per cent complete and is targeted to start up in the fourth quarter 2012.

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It was a good news, bad news kind of day for Ford, as profits rise but challenges remain.

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Capital lends a hand

After his team's wheels came off in the NHL playoffs, Washington Capitals forward Brooks Laich helped a stranded motorist by changing her car's flat tire. Driving following Washington's 2-1 home loss to the Montreal Canadiens, Laich pulled over when he saw the stopped car and got out to lend a hand, the Washington Post's website reported Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Evans top NBA rookie

Sacramento point guard Tyreke Evans, left, beat out Golden State's Stephen Curry and Milwaukee's Brandon Jennings to win the NBA Rookie of the Year award. Evans received the honour Thursday after becoming the fourth rookie ever to average at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists per game. He joined an illustrious club that includes Oscar Robertson, Michael Jordan and LeBron James. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sharks win opener

(San Jose leads series 1-0)

Red Wings 3 Sharks 4

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Joe Pavelski picked up where he left off in the first round by scoring two goals to lead the San Jose Sharks to a 4-3 victory Thursday night over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 1 of the second-round Western Conference series.

Pavelski scored in the first period to start a three-goal outburst in 1:19 with Dany Heatley and Devin Setoguchi. Pavelski added his seventh goal of the post-season on a two-man advantage in the opening minute of the third period to help the Sharks end a string of four straight home losses in series openers.

Dan Cleary, Johan Franzen and Brian Rafalski scored for the Red Wings, who opened this series less than 48 hours after winning Game 7 in the first round at Phoenix. There will be two days off before Game 2 on Sunday night in San Jose.

Dan Boyle added three assists, and Evgeni Nabokov made 20 saves for San Jose.

After breaking out to a 3-0 lead, the Sharks entered the third period ahead by only one goal. But with Johan Franzen and Valtteri Filppula in the penalty box to open the third, Pavelski made it 4-2 when he beat Jimmy Howard with a shot from the side of the net 50 seconds into the period.

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San Jose Sharks left wing Dany Heatley, upper left, celebrates after scoring against Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard on Thursday during Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

After six days off, Crosby ready to resume quest for another Cup

NHL In three months' time, Sidney Crosby has won an Olympic gold medal with an overtime goal and returned the Pittsburgh Penguins to an enviable position in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

A gifted player previously known as a playmaker first and a scorer second tied for his first NHL goal-scoring championship. He also is one of three finalists for the Hart Trophy, an award he's already won once.

What he hasn't done is take much time off. Until now.

When his Pittsburgh Penguins open their Eastern Conference semifinal series against surprising Montreal Friday night, Crosby will be coming off a six-day break. It's the most time off he's enjoyed since training camp began in September, or three months to the day since the Penguins won the Stanley Cup.

Considering he's played 38 games, counting the Olympics, during the past two months, it must seem like a month off.

Considering the Penguins will play their 300th game in three seasons in Game 4 against the Canadians, it's the kind of break Crosby may not see again until the playoffs end.

So what did he do during his much-needed time off?

He practised, of course.

"It was good. I don't think anybody was complaining about it," Crosby said Thursday. "It's great to get practice time, I really like to practice and work on skills and go over details. When you get to the playoffs, that's so important, the details of the game."

Practising for 60-plus minutes isn't the same as playing 100 minutes-plus game, as the Penguins did in losing Game 5 of their first-round series against Ottawa. The Penguins came back to win Game 6 and give Crosby some of the time off he's wanted since the demanding and fatiguing two-week Olympic tournament.

While the Olympics couldn't have ended any better for Crosby, the demands on his time during and after the games may have led to his worst slump of the season. Tired physically and spent emotionally, Crosby scored three goals in his next 13 games — two in one game. The stretch included seven consecutive games without a goal.

Still, the 22-year-old Crosby came back to tie Steven Stamkos of Tampa Bay for the goal-scoring title by getting four goals in his final four regular-season games. He followed that up with five goals and 14 points in six games against Ottawa.

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Sidney Crosby

Hart finalists a high-scoring trio

- A trio of high-scoring forwards are this year's nominees for the NHL's most valuable player honours.
- Washington Capitals sniper Alex Ovechkin, Vancouver Canucks playmaker Henrik Sedin and Pittsburgh Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby will battle it out for the Hart Trophy after finishing in the top three in scoring this past season.

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Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.

Sports in brief

GOLF Tiger Woods will need to keep his shots out of the water if he hopes to contend at the Quail Hollow Championship. Woods put drives in the water off the 17th and 18th tees and finished with a 2-over 74 on Thursday at Quail Hollow Club. That left him nine shots behind leader Bo Van Pelt, another early starter in with a 65.

TENNIS Rafael Nadal improved his record at the Rome Masters to 24-1 with a methodical 6-3, 6-2 win Thursday against 39th-ranked Victor Hanescu. He will face Stanislas Wawrinka, the 2008 runner-up, who took out Robin Soderling 6-3, 6-2.

NBA LeBron James shot left-handed layups and short jumpers at practice Thursday, but the Cavaliers superstar is not expected to miss any of Cleveland's playoff games because of his strained right elbow and bone bruise. James was re-examined Wednesday night by team doctors.

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Scott Russell

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Rock hard

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Robert Downey Jr. straps in for another ride as Iron Man, a.k.a. Tony Stark, in the blockbuster sequel Iron Man 2.

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Behind the Iron mask

Downey Jr.'s career comeback continues with sequel

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Movie **feature**

Thanks to the Eyjafjallajokull volcano in Iceland, which grounded flights around Europe, Robert Downey Jr. finds himself in California to promote Iron Man 2 instead of London, where the movie's junket was supposed to take place.

But the actor refuses to feel too inconvenienced.

"I love the idea of someone taking the volcano personally," he tells Metro.

"I know that would be a very Hollywood actor ego thing to do. But I didn't. I'm too psychologically well, I'm afraid."

Psychologically well is a state the star has been enjoying lately, as his career resurgence that took off two years ago with the first Iron Man continues unabated.

Iron Man 2 opens next Friday

His time on the outs with Hollywood, after a lengthy and well-publicized battle with addiction and multiple arrests, appears to be behind him, and as successful as he's been, Downey tries to keep things in perspective.

"I'm dressed up for a press junket about a superhero. It's a cosmic joke," he says. "I think it's funny. It's very lucrative — as funny as lucrative things get."

Still, as funny as Downey may find it, he takes his work seriously, turning in standout performances in everything he's headlined since his resurgence.

"I really know what I'm doing. I think I've demonstrated that," he says. And with two major franchises — Iron Man and Sherlock Holmes — under his care, Downey insists that size matters.

"I can get excited about anything — this microphone, for example. If it's novel and feels good and becomes creatively sticky, I power through it," he says. "I just really need a big box to play in, or I'm not happy."

The latest Iron Man chapter gave Downey a chance to share that big box with another Hollywood comeback story in Mickey Rourke, who steps in as villain Whiplash.

"He has a lot of power. He is a very emotive guy who's lived a lot of life," Another new face in the cast this time around is Scarlett Johansson, as Tony Stark's mysterious new assistant.

Though a love triangle between their characters and Gwyneth Paltrow's Pepper Potts may have seemed a natural choice, Downey insists it would've been a mistake.

"When we started working together, because it's new, people were all saying, 'You have so much chemistry,'" he says. "First of all, it's not age-appropriate. Secondly, Tony's love interest is Pepper. Third, she's not there for that, she's there to misdirect the story. She's more a family member you don't know yet."

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Robert Downey Jr.'s dons the superhero suit again for Iron Man 2.

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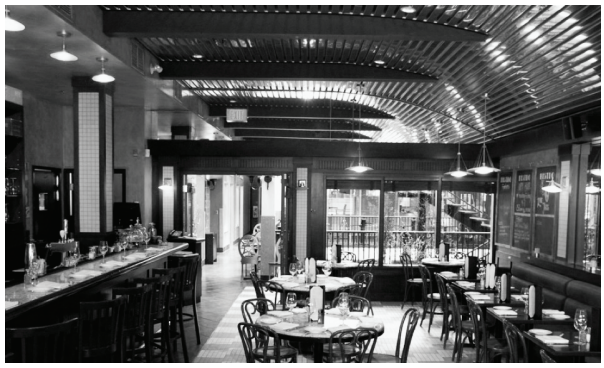

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Lee readies Life of Pi in 3-D
Ang Lee has revealed that he is working on a Hollywood version of Yann Martel's novel Life of Pi. The Brokeback Mountain director has pitched "a 3-D magical fantasy adventure, crammed with visual effects" to he studios. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

A Nightmare on failure Street

A Nightmare on **Elm Street**

Director: Sam Bayer
Stars: Jackie Earle Haley, Rooney Mara
Classification: 18A
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Rooney Mara plays Nancy — a teen tormented by Freddy Krueger in her dreams — in the remake of A Nightmare on Elm Street.

The brilliance of Wes Craven's original A Nightmare on Elm Street was that it took the already tired '80s trend of stalk and slash "dead teenager" films (as Roger Ebert would call them) and completely threw it off its axis, combing nubile damsel-in-distress cliches with abstract, anything goes surrealist/expressionist dream logic.

The film is a classic, and rightfully so. Sam Bayer's mammoth budgeted remake is not. In fact it ain't much of anything.

Recycling not only the plot but most of the original's set pieces, NOES 2010 stars a gaggle of vacant, pretty teens who battle sleep deprivation in order to evade the nightmare infiltrating, razor-gloved wrath of a scar tissue coated boogeyman named Freddy Krueger (Watchman's Jackie Earle Haley). We know they're sleep deprived because the lads have perfectly manicured stubble and ruffled shocks of hair while the ladies sport snazzy junkie-chic designer makeovers. Like in the original, said catalogue casualties get butchered in their dreams and then explode into hamburger in real life as well. It's up to doe-eyed Nancy (Rooney Mara, who at least shows some semblance of life) and her histrionic emo pal Quentin (Kyle Gallner) to get to the bottom of the mystery before the entire neighborhood falls prey to the stink end of Freddy's fingers.

Produced by Michael Bay's franchise plundering Platinum Dunes imprint, A Nightmare on Elm Street makes Bay's last horror hack job Friday The 13th look like Double Indemnity. This is truly a shrug of a film that aims to duplicate the tone of the original while tinkering with virtually every aspect of it that made it work.

Haley is poorly used and lacks enough menace for the role of a homicidal, undead child molester; every time he's on screen, you'll find yourself pining for Robert Englund.

Director Bayer fails to exploit the liquid possibilities of the dream landscape, the script is non-existent, the actors have little to do but run and scream and the entire reason for Freddy's existence is so watery and weak that it barely registers.

This is a film designed by suits in boardrooms, with charts and graphs and contempt for their audiences.

• For a trailer of A Nightmare on Elm Street, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies.

A scene from The Perfect Game.

Perfect Game's got heart

The Perfect **Game**

Director: William Dear
Stars: Clifton Collin Jr., Cheech Marin, Emilie De Ravin
Classification: PG
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

The Perfect Game is an unashamedly corny movie that crams in practically every sports movie cliché into a tight running time.

However, it's also a surprisingly warm and touching film that works thanks to an inspiring central story and an impressive cast.

Toronto-born director William Dear (Harry And The Hendersons) tells the tale of the 1957 Mexican little league baseball team that was so poor they walked across the border to their first game, but ended up winning the championship. The director mixes in genuine newsreel footage of the actual team whenever possible, which is a nice touch. If the footage wasn't there, it would be difficult to believe this actually happened.

The film opens in a depressed industrial Mexican community. The children run around with nothing to do when they aren't following the Brooklyn Dodgers on the radio with an almost religious devotion.

Cheech Marin plays the local priest (yep, that Cheech and he's quite good as well) who decides to start up a baseball team to give the kids something to do. He soon enlists the coaching duties of a local ne'er do well who left the St. Luis Cardinals minor league system.

This a very simple story filled with plenty of drippy sentimentality and scenes with child actors shamelessly mugging for the camera. However, the movie is also incredibly sweet, undeniably inspiring, and its heart is in the right place. For any baseball fan.

Studio working on new Commando

20th Century Fox is going Commando again. Deadline reports that the studio has recruited Training Day writer/Street Kings director David Ayer to draw on his military background for a new take on the 1985 favourite. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Paul Gross stars as an American outlaw on Canadian soil in the western-themed comedy Gunless.

Gunless flat like Prairies

Gunless

Director: William Phillips
Stars: Paul Gross, Sienna Guillory
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There's one thing you have to say about what is perhaps this country's very first theatrically-released contemporary comic western – it doesn't take itself seriously.

On the other hand, Gunless isn't entirely hilarious either which leaves the film a bit in the lurch. Instead, this Paul Gross-vehicle is one movie that sputters and stalls.

I reckon there's too much dust in the carburetor.

Gross (Passchendaele) plays the wanted Montana Kid — an American outlaw who suddenly shows up disoriented in the fictional Canuck town of Barclay's Brush where he immediately challenges a blacksmith to a gunfight.

The only problem: There are no working pistols in Barclay's Brush. While The Kid bides his time waiting for the necessary repairs to an old sidearm, he soon warms up to the peace-loving locals — most notably Jane (Sienna Guillory of Inkheart), a tough-talking settler who rejects his gun-toting ways.

While writer/director William Phillips certainly accomplishes the task of touching upon the necessary iconography of the Wild West and delivering an authentic-looking duster (it helped that the film was shot in Canada's most arid region — Osoyoos, B.C.), the film suffers from a conventionalized, modest story and an eye-rolling intentness on painting a Canadian portrait which, in this type of maple syrup-infused adventure, comes off slightly hokey.

A genre that's been around as long as film itself, nobody should expect a western to be avant garde. But it does need to excite moviegoers and in this case, the unique comic spin of an American gunslinger lost in Canada is almost as flat as the rolling prairies.

• For a trailer of Gunless, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies.

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Appeal to open testimony

COURT Roman Polanski's lawyers asked a judge Thursday to unseal secret testimony by the original prosecutor in the director's 33-year-old sex case to help Swiss authorities decide his extradition case.

In a strongly worded motion stressing the urgency of their request, attorneys Chad Hummel and Bart Dalton said they need to submit the testimony of retired Deputy District Attorney Roger Gunson to Swiss authorities who are pondering whether to extradite Polanski to the U.S. after decades as a fugitive.

The motion said the transcripts will prove the extradition request is based on false and incomplete statements by the Los Angeles district attorney's office.

"These transcripts are urgently needed," the motion said, seeking a May 10 hearing before Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza.

Gunson testified this year in what is known as a conditional examination. Such proceedings preserve the testimony of a witness who might not be available for future hearings.

Espinoza kept the transcripts sealed based on his interpretation of the law governing such examinations. The defence said the interpretation is wrong.

Prosecutors and defence attorneys were present at the closed sessions in February and March, and the defence paraphrased portions of Gunson's testimony from its own notes in a petition to the state appellate court.

Defence lawyers want to provide his exact words to the Swiss authorities.

They noted the district attorney's office previously asked that all hearings and conferences in the case be public "so as to appropriately respect the public's right to know." They argued that the same right to transparency should apply now.

District attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said prosecutors would reserve any comment on the motion for its legal filings.

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Reel Time

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Brendan Fraser — and an assortment of beady-eyed animals — star in Furry Vengeance.

Vengeance children's comedy done wrong

Furry Vengeance

Director: Roger Kumble
Stars: Brendan Fraser, Brooke Shields, Ken Jeong
Classification: G
Rating: ●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Furry Vengeance is exactly what's wrong with most comedies aimed at children.

It's difficult to say whether the movie started with a screenplay or a checklist of every overused example of slapstick comedy in the books. Presumably the filmmakers thought that if they geared their movie at a young enough audience they'd be lucky enough to find viewers who hadn't seen these jokes thousands of times before and might able to trick them into laughing. That's probably true, but it's unfair to let children think that this passes for comedy.

The film stars Brendan Fraser as a father who uproots his wife (Brooke Shields) and son to take them to a woodland community where he will oversee the decimation of the forest in favour of strip malls and suburbs.

Somehow the animals find out and set about torturing Fraser to stop the development. Cue an endless series of pratfalls, potty jokes, and grown men getting hit in the groin.

Fraser can't be criticized for a lack of energy as he plays every joke like it's genius and commits to countless physical gags that must have lead to injury. Unfortunately, he just doesn't get many laughs nor does Brooke Shields.

Most of the screen time is dedicated to countless woodland creatures (who clearly weren't filmed with the actors) and their cartoony CGI equivalents. A couple of consistent comedic performers like The Hangover's Ken Jeong and Daily Show veterans Samantha Bee and Rob Riggle improvise a handful of decent jokes, but not nearly enough.

If you have children young enough to be susceptible to this sort of simplistic comedy, please steer them away. You'll only encourage this type of filmmaking to continue.

• For a trailer of Furry Vengeance, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies.

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InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Robert Englund played Freddy Krueger in seven Nightmare on Elm Street films.

Bela Lugosi is the actor most closely associated with Count Dracula, but he is certainly not the only one. More than 200 others have played old toothy over the years including mister tall, dark and gruesome Christopher Lee, who played the blood sucker eleven times. Ditto Frankenstein's Monster. Boris Karloff owned the role in 1931, but sixty other actors have tried to fill his size fifteen platform shoes in subsequent years.

The point is, no actor has total possession over a role, no matter how well known they are for playing it.

Just ask Robert Englund.

For twenty-six years he has been Freddy Krueger, purveyor of bad dreams, in The Nightmare on Elm Street series. In seven films and the television series Freddy's Nightmares he played the evil offspring of a nun and one hundred maniacs. His take on the character is so loved some people even pay permanent tribute to it.

"I saw an entire magazine of Freddy Krueger tattoos," he says. "There are thousands of people walking around America with my tattoo on them!"

He'll always be associated with Freddy, but as of this weekend his run as the most hated man in Springwood, Ohio comes to an end when Jackie Earle Haley makes the iconic role his own in the reboot of the series.

Ironically Haley auditioned for one of the teen roles in the original film in 1984 but the part went to his friend Johnny Depp.

As for taking on the role Haley says, "A lot of people wish it was Robert and I get that. He's made this character iconic and he's iconic as well. It's a tough thing and hopefully when the movie comes out people will dig it."

Haley is just the latest to fill in for a famous face. Recently Benicio Del Toro donned the lupine face mask of the Wolf Man, but Lon Chaney Jr (who had yak hair glued to his face during his 1941 transformation scenes) originated the role seventy years before.

Chaney is best known as The Wolf Man, but he was also one of those actors who stepped in to sub for some of the most famous monsters of filmland. In fact, he is also the only actor to have played all four of the classic movie monsters: The Wolf Man, Frankenstein's Monster in The Ghost of Frankenstein, the Mummy in The Mummy's Tomb and Count Anthony Alucard, Dracula's son in the appropriately named Son of Dracula.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Movie morsels

Date Night

★★★½

REVIEW I'm not entirely sure where Date Night would be without Tina Fey and Steve Carell. After all, the two television comedians-turned-big screen stars take what is an overly familiar premise, and turn it into a thoroughly entertaining evening at the multiplex. The pair play Phil and Claire, a bored, married New Jersey couple who try to spice up their weekly "date night" by spontaneously going to a trendy new restaurant in Manhattan. Finding the establishment booked solid, they take another couple's reservation only to get through the risotto before two corrupt cops with ties to the mafia escort them into an alley and demand a mysterious flash drive. From there, the mistaken marrieds end up on the run, a situation which generates comic coments.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo

★★★★★

REVIEW The highly touted Swedish murder mystery drama The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo comes highly recommended. Based on the posthumously published novel by Swedish mystery writer Stieg Larsson, director Niels Arden Oplev's film adaptation stars Michael Nyqvist as shamed investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist. As he prepares for his impending prison sentence, a mysterious tattooed, pierced tomboy punk girl is following him. She's Lisbeth (Noomi Rapace), the dragon inked girl of the title, a brilliant, streetwise computer hacker and would be detective who, after a wealthy patriarch hires Blomkvist to uncover who in his family murdered his beloved, long dead niece, becomes the scribe's partner, in more ways than one.

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Hot Tub Time Machine

★★★½

REVIEW As you might have guessed from the title, Hot Tub Time Machine is a stupid comedy, but fortunately it's a self-aware stupid comedy that mines laughs out of how ridiculous it all is. No movie with that title should work, but this is a surprisingly funny little crowd pleaser. John Cusack, Rob Corddry, and Craig Robinson star as a group of middle-aged friends whose lives peaked in the '80s with a trip to a ski lodge. After a particularly bad week involving new ex-wives, infidelity, and a suicide attempt, they decide to return to the lodge (along with a young tag played by Clark Duke), only to discover a dilapidated town offering as much promise as their unfortunate lives. Fortunately, spilling an illegal energy drink on their hot tub (don't ask) sends them back to an '80s ski comedy.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Screen Times

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-7:05-9:55
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Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:7:15
Remember Me (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-7:10-9:30
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-7:20-9:40
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The Losers is in theatres now.

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Top 5 albums on the Billboard 200

1. Glee: The Music, The Power of Madonna, Glee Cast; 2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 3. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 4. Iron Man Soundtrack, AC/DC; 5. Raymond V Raymond, Usher. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Studio key to Besnard

ROB MCMAHON
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The studio is perhaps the most important instrument the Besnard Lakes own.

More than a means to polish near-finished songs, the Montreal-based, shoegaze-loving rockers used the tools at Breakglass Studios to carefully build their new album Are the Roaring Night. They began by envisioning a blank slab of vinyl — a 45-minute canvas — and aimed to fill it the same way as '70s concept records that were meant to be listened to as a whole.

Rather than rehearsing beforehand, they put together songs at the Studios, which are owned by founding members and married couple Olga Goreas (who sings and plays bass) and singer-guitarist Jace Lasek. Short parts were assembled into songs that oscillate between slow builds and rocking crescendos: headphone tracks that play with pacing and layers of sound. Vocals, which are added last, were carefully processed — a technique Lasek said is used by many other groups, including the Beatles.

"(The vocals on) Albatross are (time) stretched. They are a little out of Olga's range, and so we time-shifted them a bit so she could sing comfortably … Beatles records do that a lot — they used a lot of time-stretching," said Lasek. "With my vocals, the sound is more a thickness that comes from layering vocal tracks in triples … Putting on the reverb and delay effects while singing helps give it that phased vocal sound."

Lasek, who has produced works by Wolf Parade and the Dears, views the studio as an instrument. Keen to share his favourite sounds, Lasek pointed to the raw, noodling guitar work of J. Mascis on early Dinosaur Jr. albums Your Living All Over Me and Bug as a favourite. While the Besnard Lakes may lack that band's raw power, their heavily processed guitars recall the twangy, distorted sounds Mascis made famous.

The band's focus on studio effects is also partly homage to one of the band's favourite musical eras: the shoegaze of the 1990s. While Lasek said they also mash in elements of music from the '50s to the present, the tweaked guitars and shimmering waves of sound conjured by My Bloody Valentine and Slowdive echo in songs like Albatross and Glass Printer.

"All of us are big fans of that era. We're always listening to bands from the '90s — Swervedriver, Slowdive, My Bloody Valentine — so that sound comes naturally for us," said Lasek. "When you see us live, you'll see we have the quintessential shoegaze guitars: a Jaguar and a Jazzmaster."

Besnard Lakes said their new album Are the Roaring Night began as a blank slate. Rather than rehearsing they put together the songs at the recording studio.

In Concert

- Besnard Lakes play Broken City on Sunday night.

Dubai rock scene dry as the desert

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

Scanning the skyline of Dubai is like watching bamboo grow. Nothing seems to be happening, but look away for a moment and it appears that all those skyscrapers under construction have grown by four floors.

As one of the most liberal areas in the Middle East, I'd expected to find a thriving rock scene. Iran, Iraq and Pakistan are quietly exporting metal bands. I've come to the desert of the UAE to drink from the waters of Western-style Arabic rock. I was misinformed.

The UAE is firmly in the thrall of pop. English-language radio features either Justin Bieber all the time or endless re-runs of '80s hits.

Even buying music is difficult — not because of censorship issues, but because there's nowhere to buy it. The Dubai Mall has just one little music store. The Mall of the Emirates may have a Virgin Megastore, but its floor space is devoted to DVDs, video games and Rock Band/Guitar Hero displays. The few racks of CDs are way at the back of the store. It took me 10 minutes to find them.

"Can you show me any local or regional rock?" I asked the person heading up the section. "Here," he said, handing me a Serj Tankian CD, "Arabic rock."

"Um, no," I responded. "This guy is Armenian, lives in California and was part of an American band called System of a Down."

And so it went with him seemingly picking CDs at random and me gently explaining how he was wrong. In the end, he stumbled upon a genuine local thrash-metal band called Nervecell.

I tried one more time at duty-free at the airport. The clerk smiled and handed me a Justin Bieber CD.

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A couple actors short of an Episode

Thomas Haden Church and Claire Forlani have dropped out of Showtime's new comedy, Episodes. The show-within-a-show comedy stars Matt LeBlanc as a parody of himself who is cast in a catastrophic U.S. remake of a hit British series. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

The wives of Jersey are back in the house

In the first episode of The Real Housewives of New Jersey sophomore season, incendiary cast member Danielle Staub hangs out with her priest, pedicurist and daughters — but not any of the soapy Bravo reality series' other housewives.

It seems the rift between Staub and her fellow leading ladies is now larger than a Garden State hairdo.

"I think in the first season, it caught me off guard," said Staub. "I thought at least one of them was truly being a friend to me, whereas as this season pans out, I realize that's not the case."

Staub adds that this season, which premieres Monday, she's "not going to be anyone's patsy. I think the world will be just as interested in me as a single person as they will be in them as a group."

Staub, a single 47-year-old mother of two daughters, continues to be on one side of the Jersey barrier opposite sisters Dina and Caroline Manzo, their sister-in-law Jacqueline Laurita and family friend Teresa Giudice, who infamously savaged a table at a restaurant in last season's finale when the women confronted Staub about her alleged criminal past.

"What's amazing to me about this second season is it's so much about family," said Andy Cohen, Bravo's senior vice-president of original programming and development who also hosts The Real Housewives reunion shows.

"Each of these women are mothers, and they all have different, intense and interesting things going on with their children this season."

The reality TV drama entered the courtroom earlier this year when Ashley Holmes, Laurita's 19-year-old daughter, was found guilty in a municipal court on one count of assault and ordered to pay a fine after Staub complained that Holmes ripped out a clump of her hair extensions during an altercation, which will apparently factor into the second season.

"It was very painful, really unexpected and much undeserved," said Staub. "Police showed up, charges were made and it was up to the state. I wasn't going to allow anyone to put their hands on me without thinking there were repercussions because I'm not garbage. I'm actually a good person who deserves to go where I want to go without people attacking me."

Staub, who was accused of being an escort and drug addict in the first season, said she will tell her side in her upcoming autobiography, The Naked Truth: The Real Story Behind the Real Housewife of New Jersey — In Her Own Words. Despite Staub's rocky relationship with her Real Housewives cast members, she'd "absolutely" sign up for a third season.

"It's not about them," said Staub. "My life is never going to be about them."

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The cast from The Real Housewives of New Jersey, left to right, Dina Manzo, Teresa Giudice, Caroline Manzo and Jacqueline Laurita, star in a new season on Bravo.

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Danielle Staub
The Real Housewives of New Jersey

Paris should pay for bomb: Lawyer

Paris Hilton should return up to $1 million US she was paid for the 2006 box-office bomb Pledge This! because she didn't plug the film enough, an attorney for the movie's investors told a federal judge Thursday.

The 29-year-old hotel heiress, actress and self-promoting businesswoman refused nine requests for print and broadcast interviews she should have given under her contract, said investor attorney Bryan West.

"We paid her $1 million, and we're entitled to get at least a portion of that back," West told U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno. "Part of what actors do is promote their films."

But Hilton's attorney, Michael Weinsten, said she took part in several high-profile publicity events — including an appearance at the Cannes Film Festival — and that the contract didn't require her to do interviews when she was busy on other projects.

Weinsten added that Hilton also had the right to approve or reject any proposals or offers.

"Paris Hilton is a brand. That is her value, and how she makes money," he said. "She did substantial publicity."

Hilton, who testified last summer at a trial over the dispute, did not attend Thursday's hearing. She said previously that although dissatisfied with the finished Pledge This! cut, she wanted the college sorority romp to succeed and worked hard to make that happen. Yet the film only made $2.9 million.

Moreno previously rejected the investors' effort to sue Hilton for $8.3 million in damages, which included the $1 million she was paid for her acting and as executive producer. But he left open the possibility that she might have to repay some or all of that fee as restitution if she did not fulfil her publicity obligations.

"The question is, what is the value of what she did do? Because she did do something," Moreno said. "How do I quantify it?"

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Television

John credits boy with sobriety

Elton John says he's been sober for 20 years, since shortly after the death of an Indiana teen with AIDS who the musician credits with inspiring him to turn his life around.

John was in Indianapolis on Wednesday to headline a benefit celebrating the life and legacy of Ryan White. The 18-year-old died on April 8, 1990, about five years after contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, through a tainted blood transfusion to treat his hemophilia.

The singer befriended the boy during his public battle for acceptance after he was banned from a central Indiana school at age 13, bringing national attention to HIV/AIDS education and the plight of children with HIV in the 1980s. John was at Riley Children's Hospital when White died and was a pallbearer and performed at the funeral.

"It was one of the greatest things in my life to meet Ryan's family, to be there the last week to try and help, and then for that wonderful message that he gave me to change my life around," John told The Associated Press.

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Elton John performs at a tribute for Ryan White on Wednesday.

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FRIDAY 4/30/10

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primetime	243	317	3 CFCN	etalk	Access H.	Medium "Sal" (HDTV) (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		The Bridge (N)	(DVS)	CTV News
	-	-	4 OMNI	King	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		Omni News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Coach
	-	371	5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Wife Swap (N)		20/20 (N)
	245	306	6 CBRT	NHL Hockey		CBC News	TBA	TBA	TBA	CBC News: The National		The Hour
	244	338	7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	(8:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		House "Broken" (HDTV PA)				News Hour
	246	-	8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries		Warehouse 13 "Pilot"		Who Do You Think You Are?		Murdoch Mysteries		EP Daily
	-	372	12 KREM	News	Access H.	The Doctors (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium "Sal" (HDTV) (N)		Miami Medical
	-	374	14 KSPS	PBS NewsHour (N)		Washington	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (Series Finale) (N)		NOW on PBS		Survival
	-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	Who Do You Think You Are?		Dateline NBC (HDTV)		
	-	373	22 KAYU	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House "Broken" (HDTV PA)				News
news	502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Doc Zone
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Tonight		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400	21 TSN	(5) NHL Hockey		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			Off the Record	ATP Tennis		
	408	418	27 net	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Con.	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Los Angeles Dodgers.					Sportsnet Con.
family	552	543	20 YTV	iCarly	To Be Indie	*Material Girls* ★ (2006, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff.				Things I Hate	Survive This	To Be Indie
	557	541	39 FAM	Wizards-Place	Jonas	Sonny-Chance	Suite/Deck	*The Neverending Story II: The Next Chapter*			*Innerspace* ★★★ (1987)	
cable variety	603	561	25 FOOD	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay
	615	520	26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		(10:01) Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds
	617	522	32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter		*Ogre* (2008, Fantasy) John Schneider.				Kenny vs.
	520	505	35 DISC	Man vs. Wild "Zambia"		Egypt Unwrapped (N)		Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild "Zambia"		Dirty Jobs
	628	584	43 SPIKE	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Ways to Die	GameTrailers	*Balls Out: Gary*
	522	516	45 HIST	Ultimate Engineering		Ax Men (HDTV)		Nostradamus Effect		Cities of the Underworld		Hitler-Occult
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) *The Godfather, Part II* ★★★★ (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.							*Creation of the Humanoids* ★	
	581	566	102 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	The City	After	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live

SATURDAY 5/1/10

CA	Vu	SC		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	243	317	3 CFCN	W5 (DVS)		Spectacle: Elvis		Flashpoint		Law & Order (HDTV)		CTV News
	-	-	4 OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin Edition		Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	*Tactical Unit: No Way Out* (2008, Action) Simon Yam.				Most Amazing
	-	371	5 KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight		*Meet the Fockers* ★★ (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro.				Castle
	245	306	6 CBRT	NHL Hockey		Movie				Movie		
	244	338	7 CICT	16:9-Picture	renegadepress	To Be Announced		National Aboriginal Achievement Awards 2010			Love-Death	News Final (N)
	246	-	8 CKAL	Cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*Almost Heaven* (2005, Drama) Heike Makatsch. (DVS)				Crusoe
	-	372	12 KREM	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy		NCIS (HDTV)		The Mentalist (HDTV)		48 Hours Myst.
	-	374	14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Time Goes By	*Leave Her to Heaven* ★★★ (1945, Crime Drama)				Globe Trekker
	-	370	16 KHQ	KHQ-News 6	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Parenthood (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order
	-	373	22 KAYU	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Heath Calhoun 400.				Bones (HDTV)		House "Mob Rules"		News
news	502	390	15 CBC	National	Mansbridge	Mystery of the Floating Feet		National	News: At Issue	National	Mansbridge	Floating Feet
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Weekend		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400	21 TSN	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Heath Calhoun 400.				SportsCentre (HDTV)		E:60		Poker
	408	418	27 net	(6) Soccer (HDTV)		MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Los Angeles Dodgers. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Con.
family	552	543	20 YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad (N)	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This
	557	541	39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Suite/Deck	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*The Goonies* ★★ (1985, Adventure)		
cable variety	603	561	25 FOOD	Chopped		Top Chef Masters		Hell's Kitchen		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Chopped
	615	520	26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		(10:01) Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds
	617	522	32 SHOW	*Fool's Gold* ★	About a Girl	ReGenesis (HDTV)		*A Woman's Rage* (2008, Suspense) Brandy Ledford.				*Fool's Gold* ★
	520	505	35 DISC	Deadliest Catch		License to Drill "Paydirt"		Ghost Lab (N)		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Destroyed
	628	584	43 SPIKE	*Star Wars-Sith*	*Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace* ★★ (1999, Science Fiction) Liam Neeson.						*Star Wars: Episode II*	
	522	516	45 HIST	Storm Planets (HDTV)		Nostradamus Effect		Cities of the Underworld		*Catch Me if You Can* ★★★ (2002)		
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*				*Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* ★★★ (2003, Adventure)				
	581	566	102 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 gays

SUNDAY 5/2/10

CA	Vu	SC		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	243	317	3 CFCN	Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case "Shattered"		The Amazing Race 16		Desperate Housewives		CTV News
	-	-	4 OMNI	Whose Sharia Is It Anyway?		Aaram	Chardi Kalaa	Minute to Win It		Outcast		Nation of Cha
	-	371	5 KXLY	News	Explorer TV	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
	245	306	6 CBRT	(6) *Bon Cop, Bad Cop*		*The Land Before Time* (1988, Adventure)			Laughs	CBC News: The National		fifth estate
	244	338	7 CICT	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (PA) (N)		News Final (N)
	246	-	8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries		Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Survivorman		Crusoe
	-	372	12 KREM	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)		60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case (N)
	-	374	14 KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford		Nature (HDTV)		Masterpiece Mystery! (N)			West Coast	MI-5
	-	370	16 KHQ	KHQ-News 6	Wheel-Fortune	Dateline NBC (HDTV)		Minute to Win It (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)		
	-	373	22 KAYU	House "Control"		'Til Death	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (PA) (N)		News
news	502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National		The Berlin Wall			Mansbridge	CBC News: The National		The Berlin Wall
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Weekend		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400	21 TSN	(5) NHL Hockey		SportsCentre (HDTV)			Motoring 2010	Motorcycle	Planet Speed	30 for 30
	408	418	27 net	(6) MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies.				Sportsnet Connected (N)		Sportsnet Connected (N)		Poker
family	552	543	20 YTV	*Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over* ★★ (2003, Adventure)				To Be Indie	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This
	557	541	39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Suite/Deck	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*The Neverending Story* (1984, Fantasy)		
cable variety	603	561	25 FOOD	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover		Hell's Kitchen		Iron Chef Am.
	615	520	26 A&E	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels
	617	522	32 SHOW	(5) *Click*	Kink in Hair	Pure Pwnage	Trailer Park	*How I Married My High School Crush* (2007, Romance)				*Sweeney Todd*
	520	505	35 DISC	(6) Cosmic Collisions (N)		MythBusters		Anthony Bourdain		Cosmic Collisions Meteors and asteroids.		
	628	584	43 SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers
	522	516	45 HIST	Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)		Ice Road Truckers (HDTV)		Dogfights		*Rescue Dawn* ★★★ (2006, War)		
	-	-	47 AMC	(5) *Executive Decision*		Breaking Bad (HDTV) (N)		(9:02) Breaking Bad		(10:03) Mad Men		Breaking Bad
	581	566	102 MTV	The Challenge: Fresh Meat II		The Challenge: Fresh Meat II		1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	My Life as Liz	My Life as Liz	The Challenge

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Longoria Parker fragrance

Eva Longoria Parker developed her own fragrance because she is allergic to so many ingredients. The actress admitted she was always envious of other women who could wear perfume before it occurred to her to make her own. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 True Blood minisodes

ONLINE Season three of True Blood doesn't hit the air until June, but HBO has released a minisode featuring vampires Eric and Pam interviewing potential talent for their club, Fangtasia. Entertainment Weekly reports this is the first of six teases to be released over the next few weeks.

2 Betty White

TV Like a fine wine, Betty White seems to get more endearing with age. The former Golden Girls star is set to guest host Saturday Night Live on May 8 — all thanks to a grassroots Facebook petition. There is even a new You Tube tribute video to the white-haired actress set to the classic song White Lines.

3 Pride and Prejudice and Zombies — the graphic novel

POP CULTURE Straight on the heels of Twilight's turn into a graphic novel comes this updated version of the Jane Austen classic. The book, with zombies added by Seth Grahame-Smith, has been out for a while, but now you can actually see corseted-heroine Elizabeth Bennet kick some zombie butt.

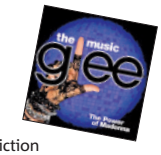
4 Iron Man 2

MOVIES Robert Downey Jr. reprises his role of Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, in this sequel to the 2008 superhero movie. Will Stark reveal the technology behind his metal alter-ego? Iron Man 2 opens on May 7.

5 Awkward Family Photos

BOOK The guys behind AwkwardFamilyPhotos.com — Mike Bender and Doug Chernack — have collected some of the most humorous and horrifying family photos and put them together in this book. From matching outfits, to crazy hair and posed shots, it's all very hilarious — and chances are you will be able to spot your own family in this collection.

6 Glee – The Power of Madonna



MUSIC Glee's recent Madonna-themed episode turned out to be a ratings juggernaut for the series, and Internet gossip is already prediction the show will take another stab at the Material Girl. Until then, fans of the show can pop a new CD — featuring the cast performing seven Madonna songs — into their stereos.

7 Nine

DVD It's time to plan an Italian night; and I am not talking about a spaghetti supper. The multiple award-nominated Nine — starring Daniel Day Lewis and a bevy of beautiful women — hits stores shelves on Tuesday.

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Where: Fort Calgary

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The Beatles' A Day in the Life handwritten lyrics to go on sale

For the right price, some lucky Beatlemaniac will be able to own the lyrics to the final song on the Beatles album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to the Beatles classic A Day in the Life are being auctioned in June, Sotheby's announced on Thursday. The double-sided sheet of paper features Lennon's edits and corrections in his own hand — in black felt marker and blue ball point pen, with a few annotations in red ink.

It is expected to fetch between $500,000 and $700,000 when it is sold in New York on June 18.

Rolling Stone magazine listed A Day in the Life at No. 26 in its compilation of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time and Sgt. Pepper won four Grammy awards in 1968.

The lyrics stirred controversy when the Beatles released the album in 1967. The song was banned by the BBC because it twice features the line, "I'd love to turn you on," which was interpreted as supporting illegal drug use.

The album's Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds was alleged to have glorified the use of the hallucinogenic LSD, a claim that band members denied.

In addition, A Day in the Life features the lyric "he blew his mind out in a car," which Beatles aficionados claim is a reference to the accidental death of Tara Browne, the Guinness heir and close friend of both Lennon and Paul McCartney.

John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to the Beatles classic A Day in the Life are being auctioned in June. The song appears on the Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album (pictured).

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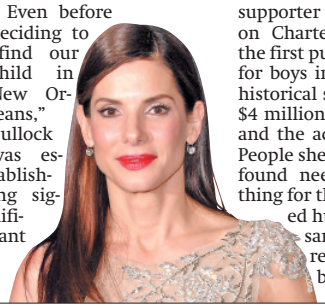
Clooney: So hot, even his house is explosive
As a friendly reminder that George Clooney lives in Italy, military experts were called in to retrieve a cache of unexploded Second World War bombs discovered in the lake where the actor's home sits, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Bullock's Big Easy connection

SAINT SANDRA OF NEW ORLEANS It's a city synonymous with rebuilding — so New Orleans seems like the perfect place for Sandra Bullock to raise son Louis, people.com reports.

"New Orleans is his city, and he is going to know it inside and out," Bullock says in the exclusive cover story with the magazine, on newsstands now. "Without the spirit of the people who live there and take care of the city and honor its traditions, its love for music, its love for life, take those people out and you don't have why I love New Orleans so much."



Even before deciding to "find our child in New Orleans," Bullock was establishing significant ties to and a love for the Big Easy.

After Hurricane Katrina, Bullock became a major supporter of Warren Easton Charter High School, the first public high school for boys in Louisiana. The historical school sustained $4 million US in damages, and the actress, who tells People she "felt such a profound need to do something for them," has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars for renovations, new band uniforms and a new health clinic.

"She acts as if all 800-plus of these children are her own," Warren Easton's principal Alexina Medley tells People.

In September Bullock put down more permanent roots, purchasing a home in the Garden District of New Orleans. The mansion is reportedly near property owned by Treme star John Goodman and a home previously owned by writer Anne Rice, according to the Times-Picayune.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Alba 'heats up' her NYC hotel room

DISPELLING AIRHEARD RUMOURS: UR DOING IT WRONG Disaster nearly struck in Jessica Alba's trendy New York hotel room when the actress tried to heat up some fish sticks for an early dinner and couldn't figure out how to work the oven, according to Page Six.

"She ended up almost causing a fire in her room," a source says. "Fire alarms ended up going off throughout the hotel. The smoke was so bad that fire trucks had to come." Other guests in the hotel were quite displeased, according to the source.

METRO WORLD NEWS

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Today, **JOHN CUSACK** thinks his spell-check is trying to tell him something, **JOE JONAS** is looking for a good time, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** is making new friends.

@johncusack i was typing to someone about the whitehouse press dinner and my iphone typed out whorehouse press dinner... did i mean that or is it a sign?

@joejonas Anyone in the LA area own a softball field we can play at?.

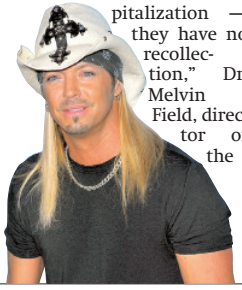
@ConanOBrien I just ran into Ellen DeGeneres on the Warner Bros lot and we played ping pong. I think she's really into me.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Doctor: Michaels probably won't remember details of health crisis

SMALL MERCIES In the past few days, Bret Michaels was rushed to a hospital after suffering a brain hemorrhage, underwent tests while remaining in critical but stable condition and found out he had a side effect that could lead to seizures. But there's a good chance the rocker won't remember any of it, an expert tells People.

"Most people (who suffer rhage) don't remember most of their hospitalization — they have no recollection," Dr. Melvin Field, director of the Florida Hospital Neuroscience Institute, tells the magazine.



Doctors usually "give patients some sedation so they don't have pain, and that can kind of make it so they don't remember too much," says Field, adding that having blood in the brain can also cause some confusion.

Michaels will remain under the care of doctors.

METRO WORLD NEWS

He's Pitted off

HIGH SCHOOL. IT NEVER ENDS Brad Pitt is reportedly displeased with Jennifer Aniston's cover story and photo to shoot in Architectural Digest, since it's his favorite magazine — and one she used to make fun of him for reading, a source tells Us Weekly.

"Brad thinks she is pathetic," the source says. "(He) feels this is all so desperate. It was a ploy to get his attention."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Lohan comes to her own defense

BECAUSE SHE'S PRETTY MUCH THE ONLY PERSON LEFT ON THE PLANET WHO WILL Lindsay Lohan decided to take her floundering public image into her own hands, calling into an L.A. radio station to set the record straight about her life.

"Aside from the father drama, which is just nuts, I'm a nice person," she told Kiss FM's JoJo Wright, referencing Michael Lohan's claims in the press that Lindsay is a bad influence on her younger sister. "No one should ever have to worry about their father saying that publicly about them."

As for her supposedly out-of-control partying, Lindsay said, "It's not a crime to go and have fun with your friends. I actually haven't been out in over a week."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Brinkley and daughter get matching plastic pick-me-up

CELEBRITIES: *NOT* JUST LIKE US For some mother and daughter bonding, Christie Brinkley and Alexa Ray Joel got plastic surgery earlier this month, according to Star magazine, hitting a New York doctor's office one day apart for procedures that set them back $60,000, sources estimate. Brinkley reportedly went in for a face-lift, while Joel got a nose job.

"Both Alexa and Christie are so happy," a source tells the magazine.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Sandra will be a great mom, says her on-screen son

AND PLEASE HIRE ME FOR YOUR NEXT MOVIE The actor who played Sandra Bullock's adopted son in The Blind Side thinks the actress will be an amazing mom in real life.

"Just as she played an exceptional mother in The Blind Side, her caring nature will make her an amazing mother to Louis," Quinton Aaron says, according to Hollyscoop. "I am truly overjoyed for Sandra. What amazing news and so special that she has been able to keep this time private between her and the baby."

METRO WORLD NEWS

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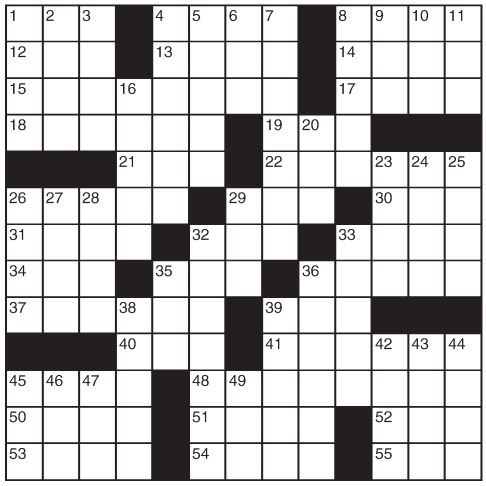

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26 TV journalist Catherine
29 A handful
30 Lucy of "Charlie's Angels"
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33 Microbrewery product
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36 Six-foot sport fish
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42 Needing extra innings
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45 English channel
46 Cheerleader's word
47 Wrath
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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	1	6						4
4			6					
1	7				6			
	4	3				6	1	
			3				9	8
					5			3
5						9	7	
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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1	8	4	3	6	2	7	5	9
3	5	9	4	2	8	6	1	7
7	6	8	9	5	1	2	4	3
4	1	2	6	7	3	9	8	5

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Parmesan Crusted Chicken

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
2 egg whites, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
4 (6-7oz) skinless, boneless chicken breasts
2 cups finely grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high and set oven rack to top position. Lightly oil a rimmed sheet pan with olive oil and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, mix egg whites with Dijon mustard and set aside. Place chicken breasts on a cutting board. With a knife parallel to the cutting board, cut chicken breasts in half lengthwise to create two thin chicken breast cutlets. Working with one cutlet at a time, dip chicken into egg white mixture and then coat in Parmesan cheese and place on prepared sheet pan.
3. Broil chicken breasts until crunchy and golden on one side, flip over and continue to cook on other side until cooked through, about 4 minutes per side. Toss carrots with walnuts just before serving. Divide chicken cutlets and carrot mixture among four plates and serve with any remaining broth from pan.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You will have to make sacrifices if you are going to turn your dreams into realities. At least the Sun's is in the financial sector of your chart.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Focus clearly on what it is you want out of life. The planets indicate that what you think about strongly over the next few days is likely to come true.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may be outgoing by nature but there are times when you need to be alone and explore what's going on inside your mind, and this is one of them.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Recent events, either in your private life or at work, have pointed you in a new direction that can help bring meaning and purpose to your existence.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Decide what your number one ambition is going to be, then get ready to make it happen. There will be no end of opportunities to move up.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
So many of the things you have been worrying about mean nothing in the greater scheme of things.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
No one can hide anything from you at the moment. Which might be the reason why certain people are avoiding you — they're worried.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You need to be a bit more open about your feelings — not a lot, but enough to let certain people know that you are not emotionally distant.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Nothing in life happens purely by chance, and if you keep that thought in mind today you will find it easier to accept what happens next.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have a wonderful future, and if you don't believe that now you will start to believe it over the next few days.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If others have been critical of your behavior lately it is most likely because you don't play by the rules like they do and, to put it bluntly, they are jealous.

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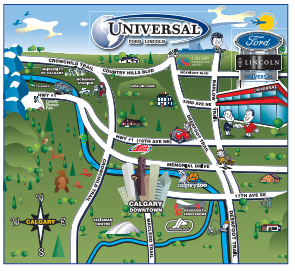

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